

APPROVED: Meeting No. 14-96

ATTEST: *Paula S. Jewell*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
Meeting No. 11-96

March 18, 1996

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on March 18, 1996, at 7:31 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember Glennon J. Harrison

Councilmember Robert J. Wright

In attendance: City Manager Rick Kuckkahn, City Clerk Paula Jewell and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: Special Report

Mayor Krasnow announced a departure from the Public Hearing agenda to note that on March 16, the Mayor and Council conducted its first Walking Town Meeting in the Twinbrook neighborhood and to hear a presentation on the tour by Jan May, President of the Twinbrook Citizens Association.

Jan May, President, Twinbrook Citizens Association (TCA) reported that the Mayor and Council were accompanied by approximately 60 people for the two-hour walking tour of the Twinbrook neighborhood. He said the tour was a complete success; it was informative, enjoyable and provided ample opportunity for informal exchange. Mr. May thanked the Mayor and Council for initiating the concept for Walking Town Meetings, and he

expressed appreciation to everyone involved in the tour. Todd McKenzie, organizer of the tour, was also introduced. Mr. May noted the following highlights:

- A tour of the circular stone wall which was built with the City's help, the TCA Garden Club, and tulips which were planted by Girl Scout Brownie Troop #1239;
- Tour of the terraced area off Meadowhall Road which is the proposed site for a future park and picnic area;
- A tree on a resident's property which is damaging the sidewalk and the resident's front lawn;
- Briefing on the snow removal process and the need for residents to clear sidewalks;
- Witnessing cars traveling in excess of the 35 mile per hour; some traveling at speeds in excess of 60 miles per hour;
- Extended discussion regarding over-sized vehicles, boats, trailers, etc., parked on City streets which often posed a safety hazard.
- A walk through the park to point out aspects of park maintenance;
- A discussion of plans for a sidewalk and bench near the site of the stone wall.

Mr. May said that TCA will be in contact with the City on the issues raised and he said they were thankful for the opportunity to observe, first-hand, a number of neighborhood opportunities and to begin a dialogue and action plan on many of the issues. Mayor Krasnow noted two highlights of the tour not mentioned by Mr. May: replacement of the bus stop which was moved from the Twinbrook Shopping Center, and the question of pedestrian access to the shopping center, especially in light of plans to renovate the center.

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Councilmember Harrison agreed that the Mayor and Council's first Walking Town meeting was very successful, and he expressed appreciation to Todd MacKenzie and Jan May for their efforts. Mr. Harrison also expressed appreciation to Mayor Krasnow for developing the concept of the Walking Town Meetings.

Re: Public Hearing Re Street Closing and  
Abandonment Application SCA95-  
0071, Robert Gale, Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a Public Hearing on a proposed Street Closing and Abandonment Application SCA96-0071, to abandon an unused right-of-way between Argyle Street and Maryland Avenue. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons wishing to testify as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. Mayor Krasnow declared the Public Hearing closed, with the record to remain open until close of business on April 1, 1996.

Re: Public Hearing Re Application to  
Close and Abandon Public Way  
SCA95-0072, Congressional North  
Associates, Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a Public Hearing on a proposed Street Closing and Abandonment Application SCA96-0072, to close and abandon a service drive easement along Rockville Pike (MD 355) north of Congressional Lane. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons wishing to testify as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. Mayor Krasnow declared the Public Hearing closed, with the record to remain open until close of business on April 1, 1996.

Re: Public Hearing Re Text Amendment  
Application TXT95-0152, GFS  
Realty Co., Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a Public Hearing on a proposed Text Amendment Application TXT95-0152, GFS Realty Co., Applicant, to add additional uses to the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zone. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons wishing to testify as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. Mayor Krasnow declared the Public Hearing closed, with the record to remain open until close of business on April 1, 1996.

Re: Public Hearing Re Text Amendment  
Application TXT95-0153,  
Helios/Towle, LLC Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a Public Hearing on a proposed Text Amendment Application TXT95-0153, Helios/Towle, LLC Applicant, to amend the Zoning Ordinance to add a new "Medical Center" use to the uses permitted in the Comprehensive Planned Development (CPD) section of the Zoning Ordinance, along with a new definition and parking requirements for this use. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons wishing to testify as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. Mayor Krasnow declared the Public Hearing closed, with the record to remain open until close of business on April 15, 1996.

Re: Public Hearing Re Text Amendment  
Application TXT95-0154,  
Helios/Towle, LLC Applicant.

To amend the Zoning Ordinance to change the record plat procedures within Comprehensive Planned Developments (CPD) and alter the parking and loading requirements for certain CPD applications.

Mayor Krasnow announced that the Applicant had requested the Public Hearing

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on this matter be postponed in order to allow additional time for the applicant to meet with the affected property owners. Without objection, the Public Hearing was postponed to April 15, 1996.

Re: Public Hearing Re Application to  
Close and Abandon Pubic Way  
SCA96-0073, Helios/Towle, LLC  
Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a Public Hearing on a proposed Street Closing and Abandonment Application SCA96-0073, to close and abandon Fields Road between Frederick Road (MD 355) and Redland Road. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons wishing to testify as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. Mayor Krasnow declared the Public Hearing closed, with the record to remain open until close of business on April 15, 1996.

Re: Public Hearing Re Comprehensive  
Planned Development Application  
CPD95-0002, Helios/Towle, LLC  
Applicant.

To consider the Concept Stage  
Application for Comprehensive  
Planned Development of the 440-  
acre King Farm, annexed to the City  
on August 7, 1995.

Mayor Krasnow announced that the Applicant had requested the Public Hearing on this matter also be postponed in order to allow additional time for the applicant to meet with the affected property owners. Without objection, the Public Hearing was postponed to April 15, 1996.

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Re: Citizens Forum

There were no citizens present wishing to address the Mayor and Council and Mayor Krasnow declared this portion of the meeting closed.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

1. Councilmember Marrinan noted FYI Item #6 regarding resurfacing of the Middle Lane parking lot. In response to Mr. Marrinan's inquiry, Mr. Kuckkahn responded that the parking lot work would begin as soon as the asphalt plants opened and the weather was warm enough for the surface to be in a condition appropriate for applying the asphalt. Mayor Krasnow pointed out to Mr. Kuckkahn that the number of cars using the Middle Lane had increased dramatically, and she wondered whether the vehicles actually belonged to those permitted to park there. Councilmember Wright asked that staff make every effort to have the lot completed in time for the City's Hometown Holidays celebration.

Councilmember Marrinan commended the City's Community Clinic for assuming the operation of the Women, Infants, and Children Program, a nutritional program originally under contract with the Johns Hopkin University Hospital Clinic. He said the program will bring needed services closer to Rockville residents and the Clinic's action reinforced the idea that Community Clinic is a professional organization providing superior services to Rockville and Montgomery County residents.

2. Councilmember Harrison thanked Mr. Kuckkahn for writing to the State Highway Administration to affirm the City's concerns about pedestrian protection at the intersections of Route 355, Middle Lane, and Park Road.

Councilmember Harrison announced that the Farmer's Market would remain on the Middle Lane lot this year; he said that people were used to visiting the market on the

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Middle Lane site and he was glad to see that patrons would not have to walk across Middle Lane to access another site.

Councilmember Harrison mentioned that he was glad to see the City's participation on Transit-Oriented Development and Liveable Communities, sponsored by WMATA. The purpose of the gathering was to focus on Metro station development.

Re: New Business

Hearing no matters for "New Business," Mayor Krasnow declared this portion of the meeting closed.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m., to reconvene in General Session on March 25, 1996, at 7:30 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor.